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Letter from Senator Proxmire re retirement of [REDACTED]

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SIAITO: John L. Helgerson  
Director of Congressional [REDACTED]

NO.

OCA 88-0128

DATE

26 JAN 1988

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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The Honorable William Proxmire  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

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Thank you for your very kind letter of January 6th marking the retirement of [redacted] after 38 years with the Federal Government. Your recognition of [redacted] years of service not only honors his individual contribution, but also honors the larger Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) "family" of which he was a part.

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My own view of the contribution [redacted] has made to this organization closely parallels your own. [redacted] has presided over the study of the Soviet economy from the period when information was scarce up to the time when Glasnost has made our analytical task somewhat easier. The studies the CIA has produced under [redacted] stewardship have greatly enhanced both our understanding of the Soviet economy and the task which now confronts the Gorbachev regime, that of improving its economic performance. Equally important, [redacted] has been largely responsible for encouraging and training the next generation of Soviet economists, both in the Agency and the Intelligence Community at large. His commitment to high standards helps ensure that we will continue to provide quality research on the Soviet economy and the impact of reform.

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In closing, let me again thank you for honoring [redacted] and I join you in recognizing his unique accomplishments as a public servant.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence

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D/OCA has advised DCI that response  
will be prepared for his signature.

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Executive Secretary

11 Jan 88

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From: Dave Gries

☒ We plan to prepare an  
answer for your signature.

☐ We plan to prepare an  
answer for my signature.

☐ No answer expected or required

☐ Dave, I prefer to \_\_\_\_\_

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January 6, 1988

The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

STAT I have learned that [redacted] is retiring this  
STAT month after 38 years of service with the Federal  
Government. [redacted] decision to end his long and  
distinguished career with the Central Intelligence Agency,  
while understandable, is a blow to those of us in Congress  
and all Americans who have benefited from his wise counsel  
and his tireless efforts to get things right. The present  
STAT developments in the Soviet Union is a direct result of Mr.  
[redacted] indefatigable, heroic efforts, and those of the  
excellent staff of analysts who have worked under him.

STAT My own experiences with [redacted] work date from  
STAT the 1960's and early 1970's when I served as Chairman of the  
Joint Economic Committee. [redacted] designation as  
Deputy Chief of the Central Intelligence Agency's USSR  
Branch in 1959 and his promotion to Chief of the Branch in  
1961 coincided with a period of intense activity by the JEC  
in the area of Soviet economics. The Committee's attempts  
to monitor the Soviet economy were given a major boost by  
STAT the analysts assembled by [redacted] and by [redacted]  
himself. For example, among his many writings was an  
important paper on Soviet agriculture which he contributed  
to the JEC's 1966 study, New Directions in the Soviet  
STAT Economy. Needless to say, by that time, [redacted] had  
become one of the foremost experts on the subject and,  
largely because of his actions, the CIA had one of the  
strongest Soviet economic analytical capabilities in the  
West.



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Hon. William H. Webster

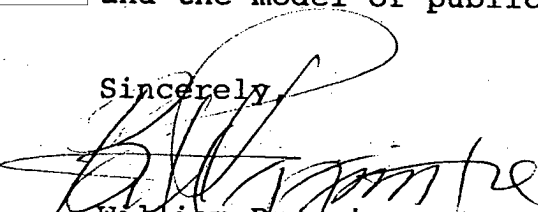
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STAT In 1974, the JEC instituted annual hearings on the Allocation of Resources in the Soviet Union and China. Characteristically, [redacted] accompanied William Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, as one of the Agency's spokespersons in that hearing and he has participated directly or indirectly in all of the subsequent hearings. This series of hearings as well as a number of the Committee's major studies of the Soviet Union have been enhanced greatly by [redacted] contributions and his careful supervision of the work of other CIA analysts. STAT Indeed, his most important legacy may be his commitment to excellence and the high professional standards he helped set for the agency and the entire intelligence community.

STAT The U.S. Government can point with pride to the accomplishments of [redacted] and the model of public service that he has provided.

Sincerely,

  
William Proxmire  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on National  
Security Economics

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